

481—63.37 (135C) Resident abuse prohibited. Each resident shall receive kind and considerate care at all times and shall be free from mental, physical, sexual, and verbal abuse, exploitation, neglect, and physical injury. Each resident shall be free from chemical and physical restraints, except in an emergency for the shortest amount of time necessary to protect the resident from injury to the resident or to others, pending the immediate transfer to an appropriate facility. The decision to use restraints on an emergency basis shall be made by the designated charge person, who shall promptly report the action taken to the physician, and the reasons for using restraints shall be documented in the resident's record. Mechanical supports used in normative situations to achieve proper body position and balance shall not be considered to be a restraint. (II)

63.37(1) Mental abuse includes, but is not limited to, humiliation, harassment, and threats of punishment or deprivation. (II)

63.37(2) Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, corporal punishment and the use of restraints as punishment. (II)

63.37(3) Drugs such as tranquilizers may not be used as chemical restraints to limit or control resident behavior for the convenience of staff or as a substitute for program. (II)

63.37(4) Allegations of dependent adult abuse. Allegations of dependent adult abuse shall be reported and investigated pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 235E and 481—Chapter 52. (I, II, III)

63.37(5) and 63.37(6) Rescinded IAB 12/11/13, effective 1/15/14.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 135C.14 and 135C.24 and Iowa Code chapter 235E.

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